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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAR ES SALAAM 1890 ACTION SECSTATE LUSAKA INFO USUN DTD 10 MAY

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FROM AMBASSADOR MC HENRY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SF, US, ZA

SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP ON NAMIBIA TALKS: LOCATION OF SAM NUJOMA

REF: LUSAKA 1254

1. LUSAKA HAS INFORMED US THAT SWAPO OFFICE EXPECTS NUJOMA TO ARRIVE LUSAKA "BEFORE THIS WEEKEND" BUT DECLINED TO GIVE SPECIFIC TRAVEL INFORMATION OR TO DISCUSS NUJOMA'S CURRENT WHERE-ABOUTS. IN ANY EVENT, TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL CARRIER WOULD PREVENT MY ARRIVAL IN LUSAKA PRIOR TO FRIDAY EVENING WITH NO ASSURANCE CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT THE ELUSIVE SAM WOULD BE AVAILABLE. ALTERNATIVE OF CHARTER FLIGHT, WITH FRENCH AGREEING TO SHARE COST, WOULD SOLVE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM BUT UNCERTAINTY OF NUJOMA'S AVAILABILITY WOULD REMAIN. THEREFORE SEE NO ADVANTAGE IN GOING TO LUSAKA WITHOUT FIRM ASSURANCE OF MEETING WITH NUJOMA.

2. I ACCEPT PRESIDENT NYERERE'S VIEW THAT FINDING NUJOMA IS

PART OF SOUTHERN AFRICA NEGOTIATING PROCESS BUT SUGGEST THERE ARE CLEAR LIMITS.

3. AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND OTHERS OF FIVE REPRESENTED AT MAPUTO MIGHT BRIEF NUJOMA AND POINTEDLY REMIND HIM THAT HIS OWN ACTIONS CAN BE A DECIDING FACTOR IN PEACEFUL RESOLUTION NAMIBIA QUESTION. IF BRIEFING IS HELD AT MAPUTO ON MAY 16, IT WOULD STILL BE IN TIME FOR RESULTS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S MEETING WITH VORSTER.

4. UNLESS LUSAKA INFORMS ME OF AVAILABILITY NUJOMA BY 9:00 A. M. THURSDAY, I PLAN DEPART DAR AS SCHEDULED VIA BA 060 AT 11:35 P.M. THURSDAY FOR LONDON ARRIVING 0810. GIVEN NEED TO MEET VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE IN VIENNA ON 18TH I PROPOSE TO STAY IN LONDON, PERHAPS DISCUSSING NEXT STEPS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE; MEET WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN LISBON ON THE 14TH AND ARRIVE VIENNA IN TIME FOR BRIEFINGS WITH VICE PRESIDENT ON 18TH.

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